



BC PROVINCIAL SLOPESTYLE TEAM PROGRAM 2023-2024

Selection Protocol: May 1, 2023

INTRODUCTION

1. The BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program consists of those athletes who have been named to represent BC as a BC Provincial Slopestyle Team member.
2. The athletes named to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program will continue to train with sanctioned Clubs, under the direction of the Club's certified coaches; and receive support from BC Snowboard as member of the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program.
3. This BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program Selection Protocol sets out the process of identifying athletes who are eligible for selection to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program for 2023-2024.
4. This BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Selection Protocol and other BC Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the BC Snowboard Association website: www.bcsnowboard.com.
5. BC Snowboard defines high performance as a sport program that aims to develop athletes through the LTAD pathway from Train to Train up to Train to Win Stages. Competing at the FIS level to World Cup events. At these stages coaching and IST service support shall be provided to help the athletes achieve success.

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in the Selection Protocol:

FIS:	Federation Internationale de Ski
CRL:	Canadian Ranking List
BCSB:	BC Snowboard Association
CS:	Canada Snowboard Federation
CSCP:	Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
LTAD:	Long Term Athlete Development
NextGen:	National NextGen Team
YTP:	Yearly Training Plan
AAP:	Athlete Assistance Program

GENERAL CONSIDERATION

7. The BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program recommendations shall ordinarily be made on the basis of the athlete's performance during the just-concluded season, in accordance with the procedures detailed in this document.
8. All BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program selections are for a one-year period only.
9. The number of athletes selected for the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program is based on:
 - a) Determination of team size for the 2023-2024 season;
and
 - b) BC Snowboard's ability to run the Program (ie financial).

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

10. To be eligible for selection to the 2023-2024 BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program, an Athlete must:
 - a) Have held a BCSB membership for the 2022-2023 season;
 - b) Be in good standing with BC Snowboard Association and purchase a 2023-2024 BCSB membership, SAIP insurance and FIS license prior to participating in the first Camp;
 - c) British Columbia must be the athlete's province of origin/place of residence for the prior 12 months;
 - d) Athlete must be a current member of a BC Snowboard sanctioned club/program with BCSB/CS, and be working with a CSCP certified coach whose training/certification fulfills the needs of the LTAD stage 4-5 athletes;
 - e) Athlete must be involved in a year round training environment lead by a Comp Dev trained coach. Factors included within this environment will be a S/C program and on snow training. Training should follow the CS LTAD training recommendations and documented within the athlete's personal YTP. This will be evaluated by the BC Sport Development Coordinator;
 - f) Athlete is expected to have participated in a minimum of three (3) events of the 2023-2024 BC Snowboard Provincial Series, barring extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances must be explained by the athlete if requested;
 - g) Athletes cannot be current members of the CS National Team Program (including the Next Gen or Development Team programs).
11. The Athlete must be between the ages of 13 and 20 years old as of December 31, 2023.

TEAM STRUCTURE

12. The number of athletes named to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program will be based on the criteria set out herein, and the ability of BC Snowboard to support those athletes.
13. All athletes named to the BC Slopestyle Team will be required to be in a suitable training program with a BC Sanctioned Club. BC Snowboard will work to provide ancillary services that will help supplement the support from the athlete's current club such as off season dryland training.

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

14. Following the CS pathway and LTAD, the following criteria has been set for selection to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program:
 - a) Competed at minimum of three (3) BC Series events the previous season;
 - b) Must have competed in minimum of one (1) Air Nation event or competed in Slope for Team BC at the most recent Canada Winter Games event;
 - c) An athlete is identified as a 'Development Team Rising Star'. This will be determined by BC Snowboard coaching staff and BC Sport Development Coordinator based on where the athlete falls on the CS performance pathway, results and commitment to a HP training environment.

ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

15. All athletes selected to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program minimum requirements are to attend the scheduled BC Team dryland camps.
16. The mandatory Team Fee is required to be paid before the first S/C camp for the increase of services being provided for the 2023-2024 program. This fee will include all dryland training services as well as in person and online CSI sessions on Nutrition and Sport Psych.
17. All athletes selected to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program:
 - a) Agree to fulfill the training and competitive schedule (YTP) provided by your coach to BC Snowboard for approval on or before August 1, 2023;
 - b) Agree to attend all BC Provincial Slopestyle Team dryland camps;
 - c) Agree to attend a minimum of Three (3) events of the BC Snowboard Provincial Series (or higher) for the 2023-2024 season;
 - d) Agree to attend Canada's National Championships for the 2023-2024 season.

ATHLETE SUPPORT

18. All athletes selected to the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program shall receive the following support:
- a) if eligible, athlete will be nominated* by BC Snowboard as a Provincial athlete to the Canadian Sport Institute (CSI) Athlete List, which provides:
 - Gym Pass
 - other benefits through Canadian Sport Institute listed here:
<http://www.csipacific.ca/athletes/benefits/>
 - *CSI athlete carding list follows separate criteria and the final decision of Athlete List is confirmed by Canadian Sport Institute.
 - b) opportunity for dryland training programming in Whistler BC with nutrition, psych and other athlete support services approximately 3-4 camps throughout the summer;
 - c) assistance provided to your coach as needed, such as building the athlete YTP; and
 - d) other ancillary support as it becomes available.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. Should the Athlete be unable to attend either the Provincial Series or National Championships they are required to notify the BC Snowboard Sport Development Coordinator in writing **at least 1 week prior to the event** as to the reasons they are unable to attend. Not fulfilling the requirements of this agreement may make the athlete ineligible for future BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program benefits.
20. BC Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who appears, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a BC Snowboard recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The medical assessment is for the purpose of confirming the degree of the athlete's ability to compete and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.
21. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in the minimum number of events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of their projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the BC Snowboard Sport Development Coordinator.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

22. The Selection Committee for the BC Provincial Slopestyle Team Program shall consist of:
- a) BC Snowboard Executive Director
 - b) BC Snowboard Sport Development Coordinator
 - c) BC Snowboard Board Member.

APPEALS

23. Any person wishing to appeal a BC Snowboard selection decision must do so in accordance with the BC Snowboard Appeals Policy, which policy can be found at www.bcsnowboard.com.

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